The Leslie Bell Singers

Directed by

Dr. Leslie Bell

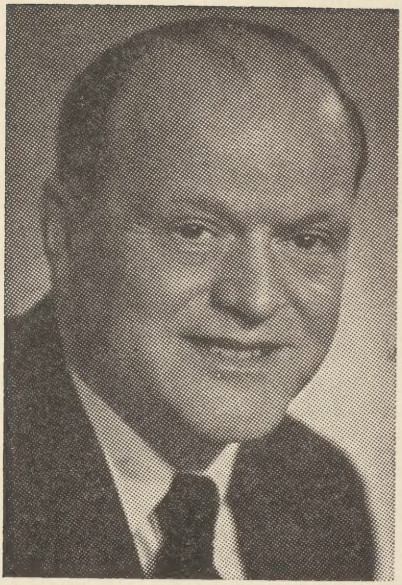
Sponsored by

Bridge Street Church School

FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, 1952

BRIDGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

Belleville, Ontario



Dr. Leslie Bell

Professionally his career began during his second year in high school.

Ambition for a college degree, he put himself through the University of Toronto, where he majored in English, by conducting his own dance band around the campus during terms at resorts in the summer.

At Parkdale Collegiate as a teacher he developed both school instrumental and choral music to a point which won special recognition for his work and resulted in Dr. Bell being appointed Music Director at the Ontario College of Education. During those years he lectured at the Department of Education Summer School and at Queen's University School of Fine Arts in the History of Music.

Next he formed his all-girl chorus, the Leslie Bell Singers, who have since brought him international fame.

Programme

Part I

(Music of the Christian Church)

1. Let All the Nations Praise the Lord . . . . . *Leisring*
2. (*a*) Kyrie from the Missa Alma Pater . . . . *Gregorian*
   (*b*) Alleluia . . . . . *Mozart*
3. Our Father Which Art in Heaven . . . . *Tschaikowsky*
4. Two Spirituals:
   (*a*) Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
   (*b*) Set Down Servant
5. Onward Christian Soldiers . . . . . *Sullivan*

Part II

1. Latin American Rhapsody
2. Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms
3. Fantasy on Highland Laddie
4. Introducing Four Girls
$. Alouette

Part III

1. To a Wild Rose . . . . . *MacDowell*
2. Metro Polka . . . . . *Evans and Vaughan*
3. Ave Maria . . . . . *Schubert*
4. The N.A.M.S.S.C.B. . . . . *..Loesser*
5. The Roaring 20's

Musical Arrangements and Direction
by Leslie Bell, MA., Mus.D.

The Church School Renovation

Sixty-five years ago, the present Church School of Bridge Street Church, as you see it today, was opened. It has served several generations and no doubt it was quite adequate at that time. In recent years the requirements of the Church School have changed considerably. A growing attendadnce has taxed the facilities to the utmost. The numerous organizations using the School rooms find their programmes conflict due to the poor allotment of space.

A thorough study has indicated that a change of lay-out of the present school room area can immeasurably improve the use of this space. There are no structural changes involved, merely a re-allocation of space.

A group of capable and experienced men has developed a plan of renovation. It will take care of the present needs, not only on Sunday, but throughout the week. The realization of this program will depend on every Church family doing its rightful share and the response to date has been most gratifying. Already the Official Board has pledged $12,600. It now remains for the rank and file of the congregation to bring this issue to its final completion.

The Church School presents THE LESLIE BELL SINGERS tonight for your enjoyment and as a fund raising project. The net proceeds will be added to the renovation fund.

Thank you for your patronage!